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(BOWLES)

WASHINGTON--UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE CHESTER A. BOWLES WAS REPORTED TODAY TO BE SLATED FOR A TOP AMBASSADORIAL POST IN THE FIRST MAJOR SHIFT AMONG KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

IT ALSO WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALLEN D. DULLES, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, EVENTUALLY WILL BE REPLACED.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING OF THE REPORTED BOWLES SHIFT. HOWEVER, RELIABLE CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WAS MOVING TOWARD SUCH A DECISION.

PRESS SECRETARY SALINGER, QUESTIONED ABOUT THE BOWLES REPORT, SAID IN WYNNIS PORT LAST NIGHT, "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

THE CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID MCGEORGE BUNDY, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, PROBABLY WOULD REPLACE BOWLES IN THE NO. 2 STATE DEPARTMENT POST.

IT WAS LEARNED BOWLES WAS BEING URGED TO CONSIDER THE JOB OF ROVING AMBASSADOR, A POST NOW HELD BY W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AMBASSADOR TO CHILE. HARRIMAN, 70, IS SAID TO WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON SOVIET AFFAIRS.

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